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1. The shipyards at Holesovice and Usti nad Labem are working almost exclusively for the USSR, and orders placed by the Czechoslovak government have had to be postponed indefinitely. At Holesovice, the former manager, Richter (Tmü), carried out urgent repairs on CSFLO river barge No. 665 on his own responsibility, and as a result he was discharged.
2. The Usti nad Labem shipyard had to change its production program and concentrate entirely on the manufacture of floating cranes, pontoons and heavy ploughs (sic). In February 1953, 2,400 pontoons were produced for the USSR.
3. The Usti shipyards employ 700 workers, working three shifts. Only a small part of the yards is reserved for maintenance work on Czechoslovak river craft, and only the most urgent work is done.
4. Finished products are taken over by Soviet officials at the shipyards and shipped to the USSR on special railroad cars.

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